

Little Problems of Married Life

By WILLIAM GEORGE JORDAN

CONRADSHIP IN MARRIED LIFE.

There is but one reason, but one justification for marriage, and that is—love; all the other motives are not reasons, they are only excuses. Those who start in married life with a good capital of love feel that they have an absolute guarantee of harmony and happiness that will endure through all their years, but if they depend solely on love they may find they are exhausting their capital instead of living on the interest and may soon become bankrupt of love. But love alone is too fine, delicate and emotional to stand the constant hard usage of daily life. Like gold, it is better and stronger when alloyed; love should be made sturdy and lasting, reinforced, strengthened and intensified in its power to resist wear. It is only when alloyed, or blended, with comradeship and trust that it is at its best.

The truest, sweetest and happiest marriages are those of two who just are wedded sweethearts and good chums. With this duality of condition and trust that keeps their atmosphere pure, clear, bracing and wholesome, all sources of discord are neutralized, all joys are doubled by sharing, all sorrows lightened by mutual sympathy, comfort and inspiration, and all problems solved in the sweet sacredness of conference, with the united wisdom of both ever at the command of either, needing no outside referee.

Success in married life does not require heroic spectacular qualities possible only to a few chosen ones, the elect of the earth; it needs only loving comradeship and confidence, a little self-control, courage, kindness, unselfishness, cheerfulness and just daily patience along the way. It does not require wealth, for often the poor are the happiest and most contented. It does not demand intellectual powers and fine education, for two aged lovers, hardly able to read, may sit together in the sunshine by a cottage door at eventide, finding all their world in each other's eyes, telling their beads of sweet memories of past joys and of sorrows outlived, and as her thin worn hand rests lovingly in his, there seems a benediction of calm peace and consecrated love that makes mere intellectual wisdom seem worthless by contrast.

There are some who tell us the qualities necessary in husband and wife. The long inventory sounds like an unbridled dictionary of all the virtues and one can imagine the saints blushing with shame at the sudden realization of how far short they are of this perfection. It seems like a test examination for a front seat in paradise and few of us would get more than a nine per cent rating on an honest marking.

Let us be thankful that two who are just human and with all their faults, foibles and failings can have happiness if they determine to have it and pay the price in thought and effort. It is not a gamble; it is a certainty if both determine to do their best and work in union and unity. It does not mean a life unclouded by trial, sorrow, or suffering but a home filled with love and peace, a rest and a refuge where no real discord can long throw darkening shadows.

Comradeship is one of the strongest ties of married life. Comradeship is friendship in a negligee suit; it is free, near, trustful, comfortable, familiar and intimate. It has a basic respect that makes formality out of place, and pretense and pose seem treason; the two are their natural selves, spontaneous and unrestrained except by that respect for each other's individuality that makes each careful not to wound or offend the other.

Comradeship between husband and wife is the finest type of friendship, for pulsing through it is the constant current of love, tenderness, sympathy, nearness, dearness and closer communion of interests, that ever vitalizes, intensifies and freshens. Comradeship gives to each a finer, truer understanding of the other that comes, not from the mere observation of acts and of moods, but from glimpses into the depths of each other's thought, the revealings of standards and ideals, the unconscious confession of hopes, fears and longings, forces struggling towards expression like the root of a plant seeking to penetrate the soil and reach the light. These come only in easy conversation where there is no thought of talking for effect, no sense of being on dress parade.

When the two are real comrades the wife is interested in the hobbies, games, business, friends and politics of the husband. She may not see what fun he can have knocking a little ball over the landscape and then poking round a big field to find it, but if golf gives him any real pleasure she is glad, and is interested, and wants to understand. Politics may seem to her just something we pay officeholders to manage, but if he says anything in it she is pleased to give him a chance to let her in on the puzzle.

Her talk about her friends, her clothes, her reading and the hundred trifles of gossip and comment that may appear to her he hears with genuine interest, not with that condescending tolerance that some foolish people, unconscious of how much they might learn, employ in listening to some little toddler who wants to talk. He has always rather sniffed at women's clubs, but when she joins one, and is scheduled to write a paper he is pleased to talk it over and dig up some gems of material from the mine of his masculine wisdom, just to help out. They criticize some book she has been reading as she tells him the story, or perhaps she has read it aloud to him after dinner, and though she may think the hero a demigod and he calls him a pompous prig and they grow a bit enthusiastic and finally laugh at each other's view, their non-agreement really does not make the least difference.

ence, you know, for this is just—comradeship.

With this spirit of comradeship there is never any thought of settling the question of "who is boss?" for such a question never arises. When a problem comes up before this home supreme court, they have a quiet little earnest session and if they do not see the issue from the same point of view, by concession and compromise the one who has thought most deeply on the subject, who feels it most intently or who is most affected by it casts the deciding vote.

Comradeship inspires tolerance and throws little peculiarities into the shadow; it ignores or obscures petty failings as of no real consequence; it concentrates on the fine sterling qualities and forgives and forgets the little mortifications. Love oftentimes is exacting; in its intensity it may place undue importance on a trifle and be seriously disturbed at a flaw or failing that seems a scar on a noble character. Comradeship helps love to a more human view, a saner, wiser charity in judging. A man says a friend of whom he is genuinely fond, "he is a bully good fellow," and all the emphasis of his heart goes into the words and stones for the phrasing; he knows his friend's failings but loyalty mingles their importance, the eyes are trained not to see, the lips keep silence.

In his bachelor days the husband may have had some friend tried and true who was dear to him, whom he trusted as one good man does another. If the golden light of some success or prosperity threw a glow of radiance across his pathway an involuntary smile brightened his face as he thought how pleased his friend would be to hear it, how unselfish would be his sympathy, how hearty would be his congratulations; he could bank on his friend's happiness just as certainly and absolutely as if his own dear mother were listening to the story and eager for every word of detail.

If the hand of sorrow pressed heavily on his soul, and the night of doubt and fear settled down on his life, and the ship of his great hope had sunk when it was almost in port, and he faced failure and defeat, he knew one who would be unchanged, whom he could count on to the very end. And when some problem affecting the welfare of either had to be solved it was the problem of both and they would stay up half the night to settle it like a jury locked out until they came to a verdict and they put together their wisdom just as they had often pooled their meager funds when the exigencies or need of the one became the privilege and glad opportunity of the other.

When this instinctive impulse to confidence is carried into married life and the heart and the lips and the outstretched arms turn to the wife as naturally as the magnetic needle finds its north, with the truest comradeship made greater and finer by love, then married life has no real problems that the two, united and in union, cannot solve.

Comradeship holds the specter of monotony at bay. With two ever bringing their best sweetly to each other, as a little child carries to its mother a wayside flower it has plucked, just because it is most natural to bring it to her, there is little fear that their days will be long or that they will hunger for change from each other when they are finding this change in each other and with each other. Whatever tends to lessen their comradeship and to decrease their dependence on each other is a menace to their happiness.

One of the early temptations of married life is to live with the old folks. It all sounds so alluring when it is proposed that "they can take the entire third floor which is not really needed" by the home company who are willing to donate it or sublet it to the young firm. The advantages are obvious, the disadvantages are more subtle, but it is a hazardous experiment.

The opening words of the world's greatest book are "In the beginning," and they are the most important words of married life; they open its chapters of greatest joy and keenest sorrow. All its problems are most easily mastered "in the beginning," wrongs and injustice that may throw the dark shadow of despair over the life of one and perhaps even finally separate forever the two who have loved may, in a spirit of calmness, courage and wisdom, be silenced forever "in the beginning." If there have been mistakes and blind blundering and folly, if the two determine to start afresh, to begin all over again and wipe out the past, letting love, comradeship and trust be their watchwords they can have a new—beginning.

And what was true of that first marriage in the dim dawn of history, in that garden of Eden, is true of all marriages and will be till time shall end that their paradise is committed to the absolute keeping of the two, and that they shall watch it and guard it and care for it and that only by their own wrong shall this paradise with all its joys, and its peace and its sunshine ever pass from them.

The First Headlight.

The first headlight was carried not by a locomotive, but by a winged insect—the lantern fly. Nobody knows just why the lantern fly carries a lantern. Very likely it is for the purpose of notifying insects of like species and opposite sex of its whereabouts. But the contrivance is wholly unique of its kind. The front part of the lantern fly's head is extended in such a way as to form a hollow, bulbous structure that (in a dead-and-dried specimen) has a paperlike consistency. When the insect flies at night the paper bulb is illuminated. By what? Nobody can say, except that it is a phosphorescent light, and the nature of that is a puzzle to science.

White Africans.

That race in Northern Africa known as the Berbers is white, and if they dressed like our own people and had the habits of Americans or Europeans they could easily pass for such. The Berbers are believed to be descendants of the white inhabitants of ancient Europe. They are Mohammedans. They wear, like hair, and they speak Arabic. They are very different from the negroes who live in the same region, and many of the women are wearing headscarves.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

The election held in the Montgomery road district to vote \$45,000 bonds for a rock road resulted in a large majority in favor of the bond issue. The state gives a like amount and when the road in this district is completed there will be a continuous rock road from Jefferson City to Louisiana. The vote was 445 for to 75 against.

Mrs. Shields R. Smith, wife of the manager of a telephone company, has been selected by Mayor J. L. Babcock as Sedalia's first and chief woman recruiting officer. Her appointment as naval recruiter was ratified by Lieutenant Commander Brooks of St. Louis.

The executive committee of the Missouri State Press Association met the other day at Kansas City and made plans for the midwinter meeting, which is to be held January 25 in St. Louis. At the St. Louis meeting the committee appointed last summer to consider an association buying plan will make its report.

Frank J. Dean of Kansas City has been appointed food administrator for Kansas City and Jackson county by F. B. Mumford, state food administrator.

S. L. Smith, who has a black silver fox farm at Mexico, sold a pair of foxes to a Michigan resident recently for \$3,000. This is the sum he paid for the first pair he bought, and which head his farm.

Edward R. Woods, a retired bachelor farmer, who was born in Pettis county, died at a hospital in Sedalia recently. He was 68 years old. One sister survives.

George Braithwaite, 16 years old, a newspaper carrier, was fatally injured when a buggy in which he was riding was struck by a motor car driven by Frank Zellars, chief of the Joplin fire department.

An insane patient who had escaped from a local hospital placed the push car on the Warshaw track near Macon recently. A passenger train struck the car, but no one was injured. The patient had been missing from the hospital. He admitted placing the car on the track and said he was planning for a "joy ride" when the train appeared.

A motor transportation company to haul wood to Springfield has been organized in an attempt to relieve the fuel shortage there. A large truck has been ordered from Kansas City and on its first trip will bring in four cords of wood.

William J. Taylor, 18 years old, of Buhl, Idaho, blew out the gas in his room in a hotel at Springfield and retired. He was found dead the next morning. His brother, V. E. Taylor, wife and infant, had a narrow escape in an adjoining room.

William Schroeder of Concordia, 41 years old, shot the top of his head off in a coal shed while despondent the other morning. His widow survives.

E. W. Stephens, president of the Old Trails Association, has received word that the citizens living between Fulton and the Mineola hills special road district had voted \$80,000 in bonds for building a permanent hard surfaced road for a section of the Old Trails route. The result of the election was 231 for the bond issue and three against it. This assures the building of hard surfaced road from Columbia to beyond the Mineola hills.

John Capps, a Missouri Pacific roundhouse employe, was instantly killed in the railroad yards at Nevada recently. He was at work in a cinder pit when an engine backed over him.

A charge of first degree murder has been filed against Alfred Coble of Mountain Grove, slayer of Dr. S. A. Johnson, who died as result of wounds inflicted by Coble with an ax in a sanitarium at Springfield.

The old Hanks cotton gin at Corn-ing, with about thirty bales of cotton, was burned the other night. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

The officials of the federal food administration have requested a definite increase in pork production for each state. The request is based on available supply of feed and upon other conditions which will determine profitable production. Missouri has been asked to increase production 50 per cent.

Destruction of a zinc mill by fire, near Joplin, causing a loss of over \$50,000, is attributed to an I. W. W. plot by Attorney Haywood Scott, who is nightly speeches in the four-minute man campaigns there has been scores of agitators. Mr. Scott is president of the zinc company owning the mill.

James E. Pollack, a wealthy lumberman of Louisiana, Mo., committed suicide at St. Louis recently. For nearly a month he had been a patient at a local hospital and he became despondent over poor health.

George Russell, a rural mail carrier out of Benton City, has been dismissed from the service after the federal authorities had investigated charges alleging he had made disloyal remarks and had forced his son's name to be erased from the Hoover conservation pledge. Russell has been in the service since its establishment in that county.

Baldwins were voted out in the local election in Missouri the other day by a majority of 121. The news was a surprise.

JAILER'S LIFE IS SAVED BY WIFE

Woman Vanquishes Negro Prisoner Who Had Overpowered Her Husband.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—Bravery of Mrs. Annie Mullen, wife of Jailer A. E. Mullen, a few nights ago prevented a daring attempt by most of the prisoners to escape from jail and probably saved the life of her husband.

Mr. Mullen was set upon while in the jail alone by three desperate negro prisoners. He is delicate. He was taken by surprise and was unarmed and easily overpowered.

Mrs. Mullen heard his cries for help and, without waiting even to pick up



Mrs. Mullen Seized the Fellow.

a revolver or other weapon, she ran to his assistance. She arrived in time to seize one of the negroes as he was walking through the door leading from the cell room into a hallway, from which his escape to the outside would have been easy.

Without waiting to consider the possible results, Mrs. Mullen seized the fellow, a strapping six-footer, by the collar, twisted him around, gave him a push and a kick that sent him headlong across a narrow corridor to his knees and safely inside the steel cage where the prisoners are kept.

The other two negroes, who had dragged Mr. Mullen well inside the cage, loosened their grip and slunk into their cells. No opposition was offered at all as the steel doors were locked.

There were 12 negroes in the cage at the time, but only the three took part in the attack upon the jailer. Of the three negroes engaged in the attack upon the jailer two are charged with murder and the other with felonious assault.

FATHER COULD NOT CHOOSE

Parent Unable to Say Which of Two Sons Should Join Army and Which Should Stay at Home.

Cleveland.—John Stotz, a farmer residing in Huron county, Ohio, appeared before the district draft exemption board in Cleveland and asked that one of his two sons be relieved from military service in order that he might assist in the cultivation of 140 acres of land. Members of the board suggested that Stotz name the lad to be favored but he declared he could never look their mother in the face if he picked either of them.

When Stotz could not make a decision, the board chose the youngest, Edward, aged twenty-two years, and sent the older, Robert, aged twenty-five, home with his father.

SOLD \$2,010 FOR FOUR CENTS

Lad Found Three Rolls of Bills and Disposed of Two to Strangers for Shiny Coppers.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Six-year-old Emmett Green of this city found three rolls of bills and was hurrying home with his find, when a man offered him two cents a roll for the money. The boy accepted four cents for two rolls of the money, later found to have contained \$2,010. The third roll he took to his parents.

The money had been lost by Mrs. Mary Fusaro and belonged to her and her brother. It represented their savings of four years.

WILL AMPUTATE TOES TO JOIN MARINE CORPS

Portland, Ore.—A man with an unusual amount of patriotism appeared at the United States Marine recruiting station here and asked to enlist. Examining surgeons found that the man's small toes overlapped the next. Lieutenant Hammond asked: "Would you undergo an operation for the removal of those toes to get into the service?" "I'd cut the whole foot off to get in," declared the recruit. He was sworn in without delay.

Twenty Lashes for Wife Beater. Cumberland, Md.—After Edward Stewart had been found guilty of wife beating, Justice Bruce sentenced him to 20 lashes and a year in the house of correction. The lashing was administered by Sheriff McFarland, who is six feet tall and weighs 300 pounds.

Twins Born, Month Apart. Scotts Mills, Ore.—Marv C. Hartman's wife's January was on September 25 gave birth to a January baby. One month later, the same girl gave birth to a February baby. Both are now one year old and healthy.

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Croix" Hair Dressing—it's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Senatorial Procedure.

"I am now beginning to understand about senatorial procedure." "Huh?" "If it's a poker game it's a meeting. A request for a small loan is an interview. If a few senators gather to sample some prime old stuff it's a conference."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Draft.

Said a "rooky" to his companion, both bound for military service at Camp Sherman at Chillicothe, O.: "Say, what put the chill in Chillicothe?"

"I don't know. What did?"

"The draft."—Indianapolis News.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.—Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1916. J. W. Gleason, Notary Public. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Druggists, 75c. Testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

The Real Slackers.

There are some who are not doing anything to help because they think the war will be over soon. Men have died because their folks didn't think them sick enough to call a doctor.—Exchange.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves'

The Old Standard Groves' Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

General Tendency.

"It costs Algonquin three cents to send you a letter now." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "as with most articles the prices go up, but the quality does not improve."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

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Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

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"Has he had it examined?"

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. M. W. GROVES' signature is on each box. 50c.

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Holland is short of coal.

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Defeat Backache and Kidney Trouble With Anuric

Many people in this section have suffered from rheumatism and kidney trouble and have found that Anuric was the most successful remedy to overcome these painful and dangerous ailments. The lucky people are those who have suffered, but who are now well because they heeded nature's warning signal in time to correct their trouble with this wonderful new discovery of Dr. Pierce's called "An-u-ric" (double strength). You should promptly heed these warnings, some of which are dizzy spells, backache, irregularity of the urine or the painful twinges of rheumatism, sciatica or lumbago. To delay may make possible the dangerous forms of kidney disease, such as stone in the bladder. If you want quick relief buy Anuric now (6c a package)—or send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial pkg. This will prove that "Anuric" eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar.

Serious Objection.

"Did you tell the cook that she must economize?"

"Yes."

"And what did she say to that?"

"She said we could eat as little as we wanted to, but her family couldn't live on less than she's been taking home every day."

New Zealand has 164 butter and 392 cheese factories in operation.

Spain in 1916 produced 24,778 flasks of quicksilver.

Canadian Farmers Profit From Wheat

The war's devastation of European crops has caused an unusual demand for grain from the American Continent. The people of the world must be fed and wheat near \$2 a bushel offers great profits to the farmer. Canada's invitation is therefore especially attractive. She wants settlers to make money and happy, prosperous homes for themselves by helping her raise immense wheat crops.

You can get a Homestead of 160 acres FREE and other lands at remarkably low prices. During many years Canadian wheat fields have averaged 20 bushels to the acre many yields as high as 45 bushels to the acre. Wonderful crops also of oats, barley and flax. Mixed farming as profitable an industry as raising grain. The excellent grasses full of nutrition are the only food for beef or dairy purposes. Good schools, churches, markets convenient, climate excellent. There is an extra demand for labor to replace the many young men who have volunteered for the war. Government is urging farmers to get extra crops in grain. Write for literature and particulars at no cost. Railway rates to steps of immigration, Oct. 1, Canada. G. A. Cook, 2012 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo.; C. J. Broughton, Room 412, 112 West Adams Street, Chicago, Ill. Canadian Government Agents

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LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Old Stuff.

"What started this row?" inquired the judge. "Fighting talk. He called me a million." "What had you called him?" "A varlet."

"You're both about eight hundred years behind the times. That might have been fighting talk during the middle ages. It isn't now."

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH.

You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Croix" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

Not So Bad.

"Is this son of yours adolescent?" "Oh, no, sir; he's just a little queer in the head."

Love is a malady of the mind that swells the heart and knocks the stuffing out of the pocketbook.

After the war is over...

An amateur in a way...

A BOON TO WOMEN

Cardinals, Ill.—I wonder if you have ever seen a woman made up in liquid or tablet form, can be obtained in any drug store in the United States. It contains no alcohol or narcotic, and is as good as a tonic. Send Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c for trial pkg. take letters.—Adv.

It Has All Been Said. "Are you getting ready to make a big speech in congress?" "No," answered Senator Borah. "I think I have offered or listened to every possible observation on every conceivable subject available up to this time."

Chicago registered 1,708 auto thefts in the first half of this year.

New York reports 961 auto thefts in six months.

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